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For : HOLLOW FIBER MEMBERANE FOR BLOOD PURIFICATION
AND BLOOD PURIFICATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 16, 2006, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes the English language translation of the Written Opinion (Form PCT/ISA/237) along with Forms PCT/ISA/338 and PCT/ISA/373 in connection with International Application No. PCT/JP2004/017082 of which the present application is the National Stage.

Copies of the documents cited in the Written Opinion were enclosed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 16, 2006. Applicants note that



JP 4-7024 was not listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 16, 2006, but was listed on the accompanied Form PTO-1449 filed August 16, 2006. Therefore, copies of these documents are not being submitted herewith. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the charging of any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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